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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

ABRAHAM ABRAHAMIAN,

Petitioner,

v.

MICHAEL B. MUKASEY, Attorney  
General,

Respondent.

No. 06-75065

Agency No. A78-662-331

MEMORANDUM \*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted March 18, 2008\*\*

Before: CANBY, T.G. NELSON and BEA, Circuit Judges.

Abraham Abrahamian, a citizen of Armenia, petitions for review of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing his appeal from an immigration

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent  
except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

\*\* The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without  
oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

judge's order denying his application for asylum and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review adverse credibility findings under the substantial evidence standard, *Don v. Gonzales*, 476 F.3d 738, 741 (9th Cir. 2007), and we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the agency's adverse credibility determination based on evidence that Abrahamian fled Armenia because of financial difficulties rather than to avoid religious persecution. *See id.* at 742 (inconsistency undermining a petitioner's claim that he fled to escape persecution goes to the heart of the claim and is sufficient to support an adverse credibility finding).

As the record does not compel the conclusion that Abrahamian's testimony was credible, he has not established eligibility for asylum or withholding of removal. *See Farah v. Ashcroft*, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9th Cir. 2003).

**PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.**